



Tips for Hikers

Take the time to enjoy your outdoor experience. Binoculars will help you observe the plants and animals as you walk quietly along the trails. A camera will preserve your memories of your visit.

Carry water. Hellhole Canyon can be very hot and dry, and the only drinking water available is located at the staging area. For a full day's hike, you could need at least one gallon of water in moderate temperatures. Do not drink from the streams.

If you are planning a longer hike, **carry light trail snacks.** They will help maintain your energy level.

Wear suitable clothing and footgear. Sturdy shoes and a hat are indispensable, and sunglasses, sunscreen, and insect repellent are highly recommended. Weather conditions can change rapidly, so be prepared for extremes.

Tell a friend or family member about your hiking plans. Be specific about your route and what time you should return. Hike with a companion.

Stay on the trails. The natural resources of Hellhole are fragile. Their survival and your safety depend on correct trail etiquette. Don't cut switchbacks — proper trail maintenance depends on proper trail use.

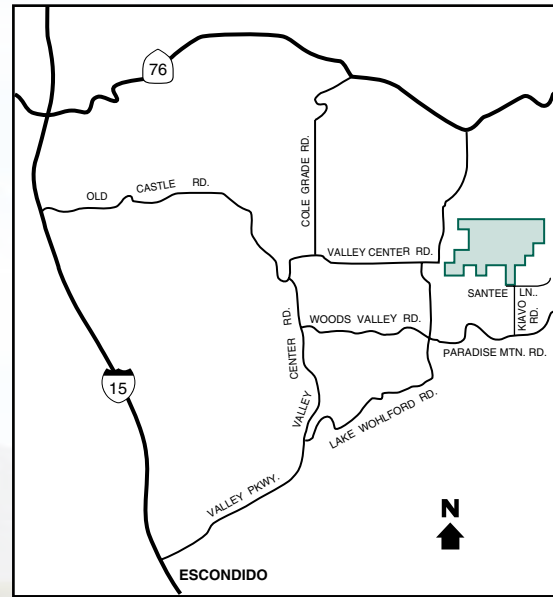
Carry a first aid kit. It can make the difference between an enjoyable hike and a potentially serious situation.

Hellhole is a wilderness area. Poison oak, bees, ticks, and rattlesnakes occur here naturally.

Preserve Hours: 8:00 a.m. to sunset
Open Friday – Monday
Closed the month of August

Hellhole Canyon County Preserve

19324 Santee Lane • Valley Center, CA 92082



Other County Open Space Preserves

Wilderness Gardens Preserve: Located at 14209 Highway 76, Pala, CA 92059. Wilderness Gardens is a 735-acre preserve located in the Pauma Valley. The preserve has 4 miles of hiking trail, picnic tables, and the Pala Mill Historic Site. The preserve is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday through Monday. Closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Del Dios Highlands Preserve: Located at 9860 Del Dios Highway, Escondido, CA 92025. This 774-acre preserve straddles both San Dieguito and Escondido Creek watersheds, joining the communities of Del Dios and Harmony Grove. Trail use is open for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use. The preserve is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to half an hour before sunset.

Santa Margarita County Preserve: Located at 37385 De Luz Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028. This 220-acre preserve offers visitors views of the picturesque Santa Margarita Valley. The trails accommodate horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking. The preserve is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to half an hour before sunset.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ACCIDENTS: The County of San Diego shall not be responsible for loss or accidents.

MOTOR VEHICLES: The unauthorized operation of motor vehicles is prohibited.

BICYCLES: Bicycles are not permitted on the trails within the preserve.

LITTERING: Littering is prohibited.

DEFACEMENT PROHIBITED: No person shall remove, deface, or destroy trail markers, monuments, fences, trees, camp or picnic structures, or other preserve facilities.

PRESERVATION OF TRAIL FEATURES: All wildlife, plant, and geologic features are protected and are not to be damaged or removed. All historical artifacts are to be left in place.

HORSES AND OTHER ANIMALS: No horse or other animal shall be hitched to any tree, shrub, or structure in a manner that may cause damage to preserve property. No person shall ride, drive, lead, or keep a horse, except in areas specifically designated for such use.

PETS: Dogs are allowed on a maximum six-foot leash. Please clean up after your dog.

NO FIREARMS & FIREWORKS: No person shall use, transport, carry, fire, or discharge any firearms, air guns, archery device, slingshot, fireworks, or explosive device of any kind in a preserve.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Alcoholic beverages are permitted provided the alcohol content does not exceed 20%.

FIRE HAZARDS AND SMOKING: No smoking. Campfires are prohibited. Stoves allowed only in primitive group camping area.

INFORMATION



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